

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2016
(Approved June 13, 2016)

The Board of Supervisors held its' regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 9, 2016. Present for the meeting were supervisors Ray Kolb, W. Atlee Rinehart, Karen Nocella, Michael Albert Moyer and Anthony Duffy. Also present were Bernard A. Rodgers, Township Manager, Mark A. Hosterman, Township Solicitor and Brady Flaharty, Township Engineer.

Mr. Kolb called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Hosterman stated that an executive session was held immediately preceding this meeting to discuss three (3) matters concerning real estate acquisitions.

1. MINUTES

Meeting minutes for the April 11, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Mr. Kolb proposed a correction to the minutes on page 2, 6th paragraph under **Consideration of approval of Bid results for the 2016 Road Improvement Projects**. The current minutes read "Mr. Kolb mad a motion to award the bid for the 2016 Road Improvement Projects to Asphalt Industries, Inc." but should read "Mr. Kolb made a motion to award the bid for the 2016Road Improvement Projects to Asphalt Industries, Inc."

Mr. Hosterman proposed a correction to the minutes on page 3, 3rd paragraph under **Zoning Hearing Board Applications**. The current minutes read "Mr. Holloway stated business has increased ant the applicant requires more space to add equipment", but should read "Mr. Holloway stated business has increased and the applicant requires more space to add equipment."

Mr. Kolb proposed the following correction to the minutes on page 4, last paragraph under **Information Items and Additional Items to be Brought Before the Board**. The current minutes read "Mr. Kolb stated that the Board of Supervisors were notified about a week ago that Chief Theobald will be retiring as of July 31, 2016", but should read "Mr. Kolb stated that the Board of Supervisors were notified about a week ago that Chief Theobald will be retiring as of July 29, 2016."

There were no other proposed corrections to the minutes.

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting with the corrections as noted. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-1 vote. Mrs. Nocella abstained.

Meeting minutes for the April 25, 2016 Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors Meeting

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2016 Board of Supervisors Special Meeting. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-1 vote. Mrs. Nocella abstained.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Walt Woessner, 164 Schoolhouse Road, Pottstown, PA asked about the paving on East Cedarville Road, where the new homes are being constructed. Mr. Woessner stated he thought the paving was to be extended five (5) feet past the cut in the roadway. Mr. Flaharty, ARRO Consulting, Township Engineer stated the paving is just temporary. The applicant will be back to put the final top coat on the road when the project is complete.

3. REPORTS

Township Managers Report

Consideration of approval of Act 537 Update Plan for Parker Ford Area

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the proposed Professional Services Agreement submitted by Mr. Brady Flaharty, ARRO Consulting, Inc to provide engineering services for the preparation of an Act 537 Plan Special Study for the Parker Ford Service Area. Mr. Rodgers stated residents are having problems with their onsite septic systems, which is requiring them to install holding tanks. The Township has received inquiries from DEP as to when the Township will be looking to update the 537 Plan for the Parkerford area. Mr. Rodgers stated the area covered would be East of Pigeon Creek, East of Sanatoga Road to the Schuylkill River. The proposal states once approval of the POS and TAR is received from PA DEP, ARRO Consulting will begin preparation of the Act 537 Plan, with the draft Plan being available for the Township's review in approximately twelve (12) months. The total cost is projected to be \$73,200.00.

Mr. Kolb asked the timeframe once the design is completed and approved to act on the plan. Mr. Flaharty stated the implementation would be estimated at 3 to 5 years.

Mr. Rinehart stated he looks forward to helping the residents of Parker Ford. Mr. Rinehart stated some of the residents of Parker Ford have expressed concern over their onsite systems. Mrs. Nocella stated some of the residents have expressed concerns to her also. Mr. Kolb stated people will not like the cost involved with connection to public sanitary sewer, but in the long run, this will be better for them.

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the Act 537 Update Plan Professional Services Agreement for the Parker Ford Area. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Consideration of approval for McMahon Associates, Inc Work Authorization Amendment

Mr. Rodgers presented the McMahon Extra Work Authorization Form received for the Parker Ford Traffic Light project located at New Schuylkill Road (S.R. 0724), Bethel Church Road (S.R. 1033) and Linfield Road (S.R. 1035) in the amount of \$16,350.00.

Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve the McMahon Associates, Inc. Extra Work Authorization Form for the amount of \$16,350.00 for the Parker Ford Traffic Light project located at New Schuylkill Road (S.R. 0724), Bethel Church Road (S.R. 1033) and Linfield Road (S.R. 1035). Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Traffic Signal Application Resolution No 2016-07

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the resolution Authorizing the Township To Submit a Traffic Signal Application for New Schuylkill Road (S.R. 0724), Linfield Road (S.R. 1035) and Bethel Church Road (S.R. 1033), Resolution No 2016-07.

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve Resolution No 2016-07 authorizing the submittal of a Traffic Signal Application for New Schuylkill Road (S.R. 0724), Linfield Road (S.R. 1035) and Bethel Church Road (S.R. 1033). Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Deed for Traffic Signal Improvements

Mr. Hosterman discussed the Deed for Traffic Signal Improvements concerning the three (3) parcels of land from Norfolk Southern Railroad acquired during the Land of Condemnation process. The Deed for Traffic Signal Improvements transfers those acquisitions from East Coventry Township to

PennDOT.

Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the signing of the Deed for Traffic Signal Improvements which will transfer the acquisitions of the Condemnation Strips of Land from East Coventry Township to PennDOT. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Proposed Agreements for Conservation Easement Acquisitions

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the proposed agreements for the Conservation Easement Acquisitions for the Taylor Property and the Kulp Property. The Taylor Property consists of Tax Parcels 18-4-169 and 18-4-169.1, containing approximately 11.2 acres. The total cost of the Conservation Easement is \$159,275.00, with East Coventry Townships cost projected at \$109,275.00.

The Kulp Property consists of Tax Parcel 18-3-4, containing approximately 30 acres. The total cost of the Conservation Easement is \$366,700.00, with East Coventry Township cost projected at \$262,700.00, with an additional \$4,000.00 if some grant funding is not approved.

Mrs. Nocella made a motion to approve the proposed Agreement for Easement Acquisitions of the Taylor Property, consisting of 11.2 acres, in the amount of \$109,275.00 and the Kulp Property, consisting of approximately 30 acres, in the amount of \$262,700.00, with an additional \$4,000.00 if some grant funding is not approved. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Consideration of Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Flaharty had nothing else to report.

Mr. Kolb stated there were 12 people who attended the Annual Stream Cleanup which was held on Saturday, April 23, 2016. The group found six (6) tires, which were taken by H & F Tire Service for disposal.

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the Township Engineers report. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Consideration of approving reports from various departments and committees

Mrs. Nocella stated the Open Space Committee held their meeting on May 4, 2016. There was some discussion about revisiting East Coventry Township sending letters to residents who own 10 acres or more to see if they would be interested in a Conservation Easement for their parcel. Mrs. Nocella stated she is looking to see if the Board of Supervisors would grant permission for the Open Space Committee to draft such a letter for the Board to review.

Mrs. Nocella made a motion to have the Open Space Committee draft a letter for the Board of Supervisors to review for distribution to residents who own 10 acres or more of land. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to accept the various department and committee reports. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

4. Subdivision and Land Development

5. Zoning Hearing Board Applications

6. Other Business

Consideration of authorization to advertise proposed Ordinance No 206 – Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance and Zoning Map Amendment

Mr. Hosterman presented Ordinance No 206 – Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance and Zoning Map Amendment, which is on the agenda for authorization to advertise. Mr. Hosterman provided an overview of the ordinance.

7. Exonerations

Mr. Moyer read the list of exonerations. Mrs. Nocella made a motion to approve the Exonerations List. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

8. Payment of Bills

Mrs. Nocella made a motion to pay the bills as presented:

Fund Name	Amount to Pay
General Fund	241,418.47
Fire Hydrant Fund	1,017.32
Open Space	-
Sewer Operating Fund	14,530.33
Sewer Capital Fund	-
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	5,264.37
Capital Reserve	7,448.73
Highway State Aid Fund	9,364.32
TD Escrow	-
Totals	\$ <u>279,043.54</u>

Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

9. Information Items and Additional Items to be Brought Before the Board

Mr. Kolb discussed the proposed removal of the "Ewe bush" located in the cul-de-sac of Pheasant Lane. Mr. Kolb made a motion to remove the "Ewe bush" located in the cul-de-sac of Pheasant Lane. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Kolb asked Mr. Rodgers for the status of the Kulp Road Bridge. Mr. Rodgers stated the design of the bridge has not been approved.

Mr. Kolb discussed the proposal to dress down in the months of June, July and August. Mr. Kolb made a proposal for the Board of Supervisors to dress down for the June, July and August meetings. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Rinehart thanked the Board of Supervisors for sending him to PSATS. Mr. Rinehart stated he learned a lot while he was there.

Mr. Rinehart asked if the Township sends newsletters to the surrounding Townships when we distribute our newsletters. Mrs. Imes stated yes.

Mr. Rodgers updated the Board of Supervisors on the proposed appeal by the Owen J Roberts School District. The Board of Supervisors appointed Mr. Walter Woessner, Mr. Paul Lacon and Mr. Robert Preston to the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals met on May 2, 2016 to appoint a Chairperson, Vice Chair and appointed Andrew Rau as their Solicitor.

Mr. Rodgers stated Owen J Roberts School District requested a meeting with Barry Isett & Associates, Inc representatives to review the appeal issue. After the meeting, the School District withdrew their appeal application.

Mr. Rinehart asked if there was a time limit on the appointments for the Board of Appeals. Mr. Rodgers stated the Board of Supervisors could appoint new members every year if they wish.

10. Adjournment

Mrs. Nocella moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:34 p.m. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard A Rodgers
Township Secretary